

MINUTES OF THE STATE ENGINEER'S MEETING WITH THE WATER  
USERS OF THE DUCHESNE, STRAWBERRY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
HELD JANUARY 24, 1958:

The appropriation of water on the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers convened in session 1  
January 24, 1958 in the court-room- Duchesne County City office building at Duchesne, U

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer  
from the State Engineer's office, who stated that Wayne D. Criddle, State Engineer, would  
not be in attendance, because of other matters demanding his attention.

Mr. Norseth read the call of the meeting, namely:

TO THE WATER USERS OF DUCHESNE- STRAWBERRY  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

January 10, 1958

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5, Utah  
Code Annotated, 1953, a meeting of water users of the Duchesne- Strawberry  
Distribution System will be held in the County Courthouse in Duchesne, Utah,  
on Friday, January 24, 1958 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of: (1) Making re-  
commendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of a Water Com-  
missioner for the 1958 season, and as to his duties; (2) Preparing a budget  
of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution; and (3) Transacting  
such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Wayne D. Criddle, State Engineer

Present:

Name

Elwood B. Carter  
C. A. Messie  
Otto K. Weaver  
R. E. Huber  
A. W. Finley  
J. Wayne Francis  
Andrew Defo  
Wallace Chatwin  
Henry H. Forrer  
Bert Sweat  
Clarence Baum

Hale Holgate  
George H. Wilcken  
L. R. Swasey  
Howard Cowan  
John Munz  
Glen Remund  
June Roberts  
Ray Thomas  
Ivon Brown  
~~Pete Abplanalp~~  
~~Donnie Bradman~~  
Earl Wright  
C.C. Mickelson  
Marion Ross  
R. W. Young  
Alden Muir

Representing

Upper Duchesne River  
Indian Service River  
Indian Service  
Strawberry Water Users Assn.  
Strawberry Water Users Assn.  
Strawberry Water Users Assn.  
Farm Creek Irrigation  
Farm Creek Irrigation  
Current Creek  
Red Creek Irrigation Co.  
Baum and Ferron- Baum and  
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Moon Lake Water Users Assn.  
Duchesne City  
Indian Water User  
Pres. Rocky Point Ditch Co.  
Executive Committee-District 3  
Executive Committee-District 2  
Farm Creek Irrigation Co.  
O. T. Hicken Ditch Co.  
Brown Ditch Co.  
Perterson Ditch-Wagstaff Ditch Co  
Red Creek Irrigation Co.  
Broadhead Ditch Co.  
Strawberry River  
Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.  
Youngs Ditch & Red Creek Irr. Co.  
Red Creek Irrigation Co.



Donald C. Norseth  
Clifton W. Johnson  
B. O. Colton  
Ivie  
Louie Galloway

State Engineer's Office  
State Engineer's Office  
Water Commissioner  
Strawberry River  
Secy- Associated Water Users  
Duchesne-Strawberry Rivers

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Norseth stated the first order of business to be the election of a chairman.

Elwood B. Carter was nominated for chairman by Howard Cowan and he moved that Carter be declared elected by acclamation. Motion regularly seconded and unanimously carried, and Carter assumed the chair.

SECRETARY:

Mr. Carter asked for nominations for a secretary.

Louie Galloway was nominated by A. Hale Holgate who moved that his election be by acclamation. Motion regularly seconded and the voting was unanimous for the motion. Galloway declared elected and he assumed the secretarial duties.

Chairman Carter reported that Executive Committee of the Associated Water Users of the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers had met with messers Otto K. Weaver, and C. A. Massie of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs- Uintah and Ouray Indian Agency earlier in the day, and at said conference it had been unanimously agreed to recommend that B. O. Colton Jr. be re-appointed Water Commissioner for the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers, and that the same budget which was adopted for 1957 be approved except the State Engineer's administrative expense item of \$150, which the State Engineer had advised would be unnecessary in the current years budget.

MINUTES APPROVED:

minutes of the Water Users meeting, Duchesne-Strawberry Distribution System which was called by the State Engineer to consider the appointment of a Water Commissioner, etc., and held in the court-room, Duchesne County office building, Duchesne Utah, February 19, 1957 at 2:00 p.m. were read by the secretary.

Frank Reese, chief accountant, office of the State Engineer asked that the minutes be corrected to show his name to be Frank Reese, and not R. B. Reese; also a correction to show that the Assistant Attorney General who attended the meeting to be Robert B. Porter Jr., and not R. B. Porter.

No further suggestions for corrections and A. Hale Holgate moved that the minutes be approved with the requested corrections incorporated. Motion seconded by Henry H. Forrer- carried.

1957 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Frank Reese, Chief Accountant, Office of the State Engineer read his prepared statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the period of January 1, 1957 through Dec. 31, 1957 for Duchesne- Strawberry River Distribution System, and the reconciliation with the First National Bank's Dec. 31, 1957 statement.

The statement showed an unencumbered cash balance of \$842.17.

He also read his report of expenditures and bills payable- January 1 through Dec. 31, 1957 for each 1957 budget item, showing the expenditures plus encumbrances to total \$4,952.48.

Motion by C. A. Massie that the reports as read be approved. Clarence Baum seconded motion and it received the unanimous approval of the meeting.

Mr. Reese, then asked the pleasure of the meeting as to reading the list of delinquent accounts on the 1957 assessment.



are were requests from those present, that the delinquent list be read.

r. Reese then read the list of the delinquents accounts. The delinquencies totaled \$454.58. Motion was made by Clarence Baum the the State Engineer be requested to institute appropriate action to collect the delinquencies on the 1957 assessment. Bert Sweat seconded motion. No opposing votes, and motions carried unanimously.

#### WATER COMMISSIONER CHOSEN:

Chairman Carter in behalf of the Executive Committee, Associated Water Users of Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers, and the Indian Service, recommended that B. O. Colton, Jr. be re-appointed Water Commissioner. Howard Cowan made a motion that the water users assembled request the State Engineer to appoint B. O. Colton, Jr. the Water Commissioner for the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers to serve during the year 1958. Mr. Ivie seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

A. Massie of the Indian Service moved the adoption of the following budget for the Commissioner Service:

<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Commissioner's salary	\$1800.00
2	Matching Social Security	45.00
3	Commissioner's expenses	615.00
4	Deputy Comm. & Gatemen Salaries	2100.00
5	Matching Social Security	50.00
6	Deputy & Gatemen auto travel	900.00
7	Bonds & Ins. premiums	50.00
8	Office Supplies & Equipment	100.00
9	Comm. annual report	300.00
10	Miscellaneous expense	140.00
	Total	<u>6100.00</u>

and that any carry-over funds from the 1957 assessment be carried as a reserve fund, and that the State Engineer be instructed to assess the water users on the basis of the \$6100.00 budget, and not make any reduction in the amount assessed because of the amount carried over from the 1957 assessment. Ivan Brown seconded the motion- unanimously carried.

#### FUNDS ON HAND FROM ASSESSMENT LEVIED PRIOR TO 1957:

A. Hale Holgate stated there were funds on hand which the Associated Water Users of the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers had not disbursed for water commissioner service. Prior to 1957, and asked Louie Galloway, who is secretary-treasurer of the said Association, what the balance is. Mr. Galloway reported the balance to be \$ , after allowance is made for the checks issued but outstanding at the end of 1957. Motion by Holgate, seconded by Bert Sweat that these Association funds be used only for purposes of common interest to all water users on the Duchesne and Strawberry River. The motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

#### JUDGE WILCKEN'S QUESTION:

Justice Geo. Wilcken asked for information as to the possibility of a water supply being yet obtainable for the undeveloped areas, so located that the irrigation of same is possible from the Duchesne River, or Rock Creek, a tributary. It was suggested that he go to the State Engineer's office, Water Resources Dept. for this information.

#### STATE ENGINEER'S MEETING WITH WATER USERS:

Mr. Norseth made the statement that consideration had been given by State Engineer to advisability of holding meetings in November of prior year, with Water Users for purpose of appointing water commissioner, and approving budgets, but he made no definite recommendation that this practice be adopted.

#### ANNUAL MEETING- ASSOCIATED WATER USERS:

Chairman Carter stated his opinion to be that the annual meeting of the Associated Water Users of Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers, should be held the same day as the State Engineer's meeting with the Water Users, and following his meeting, but no arrangement had been made to do so this year, and for the reason it could not be done. He hoped this practice will be adopted hereafter.

METHOD USED TO COLLECT DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS:

Mr. Norseth discussed procedures of State Engineer's office in collecting delinquent assessments. He read from "Water Laws of Utah, Title 73, Chapter 5, Section 1" wherein the proper procedure is outlined. First, another notice will be mailed to those who have a delinquency. If no response is received, further appropriate action will be taken, which if necessary will result in court action by the Attorney General.

By regular parliamentary procedure the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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Secretary